Oncourse CL and Other Quick Tips

- **IUSON Oncourse Suggestion Days** top “vote-getters”! During the 3 days of October 12, 13, and 14, I encourage IUSON faculty, staff, and students to submit suggestions (use the Oncourse Contact Us link in the upper right corner of the Oncourse window) for the following (be sure to add specific information as to how the change would improve the teaching and learning environment):

  1. Ability to specify start/stop dates/times on forum/topics so that they can be added at the beginning of the semester and automatically open/close for posting
  2. Ability to grade received course mail messages
  3. Reinstatement of unread messages notification on the My Workspace page in order to see number of unread communications for all courses at a glance
  4. Creation of a group learning space where document sharing, asynchronous, and synchronous communication can all occur without the necessity of breaking the thread of concentrated learning by changing to different tools for tasks
  5. Ability for gradebook to be capable of displaying both points and percentages (because students often cannot – or do not take the time to – calculate their percent)
  6. Re-work Modules tool so that it opens by default in “normal” view rather than in editing view, to bring it in line with other functionality in Oncourse

- Have you used [Lynda.com](http://ittraining.iu.edu/lynda)? If you want Lynda.com to become a permanent part of the resources available at IU and have used the training videos, BE SURE to complete the survey: [http://ittraining.iu.edu/lynda](http://ittraining.iu.edu/lynda)

- Remind students that resources posted in Oncourse are copyrighted and should not be printed and distributed without consideration of copyright holders’ rights. One simple way to do this after adding an item to the Resources tool:

  1. To the right of the new resource, click ACTIONS : Edit Details.
  2. Update the Copyright Status to reflect the copyright owner’s information.
  3. Click “Display copyright alert and require acknowledgement when accessed by others” to cause a copyright symbol to display to the right of the file name in the list of Resources; users accessing the resource will have to acknowledge the copyright before proceeding.

- **PRN**

  - **Fall 09 schedule and registration:**
    [http://nursing.iupui.edu/facstaff/professional_development_descriptions.shtml](http://nursing.iupui.edu/facstaff/professional_development_descriptions.shtml)

  - **Make your voice heard.** Tell Learning Resources what professional development opportunities you would like to see presented. Complete the survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PEAABnJMz4OCm96uAWRiqw_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PEAABnJMz4OCm96uAWRiqw_3d_3d)

“See” you in two weeks following vacation!
Cindy

NOTE: I will be on vacation from October 12-23.

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